

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
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Dear Mr. Allen:

On behalf of the Bureaus of European Affairs (EUR), Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs (NEA), African Affairs and INM, I would like to invite you to our EUR/NEA/AF Regional Narcotics Coordinators Conference. This year the Conference will be held at our Embassy in Geneva, Switzerland from September 30 through October 2.

As in past years, the Conference will bring together those from the Washington narcotics control community and the narcotics coordinators and DEA representatives from EUR, NEA and AF posts. The Conference seeks to address the issues of narcotics trafficking and abuse in Europe, Africa and the Middle East and South Asia. We will also focus on the increased awareness of the narcotics issue in these regions, as well as providing the latest Washington assessments of our progress on the narcotics issue. For the first time, we have invited Public Affairs Officers from selected posts, an addition which I believe will be beneficial to all of us.

We would appreciate your joining the senior-level "Potomac Perspectives" panel scheduled for the morning of the second Conference day. When the final composition of the panel has been decided, we will advise you so that you can plan your presentation accordingly. A tentative agenda will also be sent to you in the next few weeks.

Administrative arrangements should be coordinated with Ms. Dianne Graham at INM (632-8697) or Ms. Catherine Shaw at INM (632-1413). Embassy Geneva has reserved a block of rooms at the Hotel Longchamp and Hotel Epsom. Single rooms are available at the rate of approximately \$43 U.S. per day.

Mr. Charlie Allen,
Narcotics Intelligence Officer,
Central Intelligence Agency.

I hope that you will be able to attend, and please feel free to call me if you have any questions about the Conference.

Sincerely,

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Narcotics Matters